

POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY (PPSY)

Explanation of Course Numbers

- Courses in the 1000s are primarily introductory undergraduate courses
- Those in the 2000s to 4000s are upper-level undergraduate courses that also may be taken for graduate credit with permission and additional work assigned
- Those in the 6000s and 8000s are for master's, doctoral, and professional-level students
- The 6000s are open to advanced undergraduate students with approval of the instructor and the dean or advising office

PPSY 5099. Variable Topics. 1-99 Credits.

PPSY 6101. Fundamentals of Political Psychology. 3 Credits.

A review of the interdisciplinary field of political psychology; examination of psychological influences on political behavior at the level of the individual and small group; the psychology of leader-follower relationships; crisis decision making.

PPSY 6102. Political Psychology Research Methods. 3 Credits.

Major research methods of political psychology, using classic articles in the field. Both quantitative methods, such as survey research and content analysis, and qualitative methods, such as personality profiling and comparative case studies, are considered. Prerequisite: PPSY 6101.

PPSY 6103. Political Violence and Terrorism. 3 Credits.

The origins and the sociopolitical and behavioral dynamics of political violence and terrorism. Major types of terrorism are differentiated. Implications for antiterrorist policy. The psychology of hostages.

PPSY 6104. Independent Study and Research. 1-3 Credits.

Supervised research in a special topic in political psychology. Preparation of major research paper. Prerequisites: PPSY 6101 and PPSY 6102.